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1. Mr. Flanagan, Counsel to the Senate Committee on Government Operations, being unable to reach me, called Mr. Dulles to ask for an immediate appointment on the Beria matter. Mr. Dulles asked Mr. Timm and myself to be present and we met with Mr. Flanagan and [ ] in the Director's office Saturday afternoon. Mr. Flanagan had just received a telephone call from Gene Fuson, of the San Diego Union, who is in Madrid with [ ] the latter now apparently in the custody of the Spanish police. Fuson informed Flanagan by trans-Atlantic phone that Reduengo (?), Chief of Brigade of the Political Police, was now giving some credence to [ ] story about Beria and requested Flanagan to come to Spain as [ ] would not trust anyone from State or the Embassy [ ] claimed that 4 Embassy people had beaten him up, and in particular he had been physically mistreated by a State Department man, [ ] STATOTHR STAT STAT STAT STAT

[ ] Mr. Flanagan contacted Senator McCarthy on his honeymoon in Bermuda and suggested that the matter should now be turned over to State and CIA for assistance, and the Senator agreed! Mr. Flanagan wanted guidance and evaluation of [ ] story. The Director has cabled [ ] instructing him to contact Fuson and attempt to get to the bottom of the whole story, including its final evaluation on behalf of CIA and Senator McCarthy. STAT 25X1

If necessary, Flanagan will then go to Madrid [ ] 25X1

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2. The DCI informed me that he desired to write a letter to the Senate Investigating Committee regarding the GPO testimony, and I have suggested that I first read the actual testimony so that we may properly phrase a reply. In addition, the Director wishes to include a request to the Committee that they bring to our attention any information relevant to the security of CIA. This latter is in the light of a tip the DCI has received (presumably from Army Secretary Stevens) that Senator McCarthy is preparing some information against us.

State Dept. review completed. On file GPO release instructions applied.

3. Senator Ellender (D., La.) of the Senate Appropriations Committee, has returned to the U.S. and is reported to be planning to be in Washington on 6 October. [REDACTED] of ONE, who accompanied the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy on its recent trip to Africa, informed me that the Committee had come across Senator Ellender's trail in several places and that the Senator had left a very unfavorable impression by his statements. In view of the fact that the Senator had requested [REDACTED] [REDACTED] it may be desirable to debrief Senator Ellender and thereby secure his reactions regarding CIA.

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